tonnes and was 2.23 lakh tonnes in 1991-92 (April to December). No problem is envisaged in ensuring for requisite level of export.

Commissioning of New All India Radio Stations in A.P.

804. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to commission new All India Radio Stations in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) A local Radio Station with 2x3 KW FM Transmitter and Multi-purpcse Studios at Mercapuram is envisaged to be technically ready by September, 1992. The Station will be commissioned once the minimum essential staff required for its operation and maintenace is in position.

Impact of MTV on Doordarshan

805. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTV is all set to rock Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether any study has been made out by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) No. Sir. There is no discernible evidence to this effect. A survey conducted by Doordarshan indicated that the viewing of MTV is limited to a small section of urban youth.

Negotiations for Asiasat Transponder

806. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are negotiating for a transponder on the Star TV satellite (Asiasat);

(b) if so, whether the Department of Space has given its concurrence to this proposals; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS). (a) to (c) While there is a proposal for a visit by a delegation from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to discuss with M/s. Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co. Ltd. the possibility of hiring of a transponder on Asiasat, no formal negotiations are being carried on at present.

Telecast of News in Urdu, Sanskrit and Regional Languages

807. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to telecast news in Urdu on Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government have evolved a national policy on the telecast of news in regional languages on Doordarshan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to telecast news in Sanskrit on Doordarshan, if so, by when the telecast is scheduled to be started; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A five minute Urdu news bulletin has been started recently from Doordarshan Kendras Delhi (metro channel), Lucknow, Patna and Hyderabad.

(b) and (c) Doordarshan Kendras with programme production facilities are already telecasting news bulletin in the respective regional languages.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal, at present, to introduce Sanskrit news bulletin on Doordarshan on account of paucity of transmission time and resources.

भारत में स्टार टी० वी० कार्यक्रमों के लिए शर्त

808. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वे कौन-कौन सी शर्तें हैं जिनके अंतर्गत भारत में स्टार टी वी कार्यक्रमों के प्रसारण की अनुमति दी गई है ;

(ख) इस प्रसारण से होने वाले लाभ और हानि का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यह अनुमति कितनी अवधि के लिए प्रदान की गई है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) सरकार ने इस तरह की कोई भी अनुमति नहीं दी है ।

(ख) और (ग) ये सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होते ।

Prics of items advertised on Doordarshan

809. DR. BAPU KALDATE Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to make it mandatory to show the prices of the items for which advertisements are telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has not been found practicable to indicate the prices of the product alongwith the advertisements due to fluctuation in the prices from time to time, variation in prices from State to State due to Sales Tax and local taxes and variation in the price depending on size, shape and quality of the product.

ऐतिहासिक महापुरुषों और पूजनीय देवताओं के नामों का अशुद्ध उच्चारण

810. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों में हमारे देवताओं और महान ऐतिहासिक महापुरुषों के नामों को जैसे कि "राम" को "रामा", "कृष्ण", को "कृष्णा", "अर्जुन" को "अर्जुना" "चाणक्य" को "चाणाक्या" और सम्राट "अशोक" को "अशोका" के रूप में उच्चारित किया जाता है ; क्या यह उच्चारण व्याकरण और शास्त्र सम्मत है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं, यदि नहीं तो किन कारणों से इस प्रथा को अब तक नहीं रोका गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन के कार्यक्रमों में व्यक्तिवाचक संज्ञाओं का उच्चारण देश के भिन्न-भिन्न भागों के क्षेत्रीय रुझानों के अनुरूप किया जाता है, जो हमेशा पूर्णतः व्याकरण एवं शास्त्र सम्मत नहीं होता ऐसा क्षेत्रीय प्रयोग के अनुरूप किया जा रहा है और यह किसी तरह ऐतिहासिक महापुरुषों तथा देवताओं की अवमानना नहीं है ।

Advertisements to Jammu and Kashmir weekly by DAVP

811. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Weeklies of Jammu and Kashmir on